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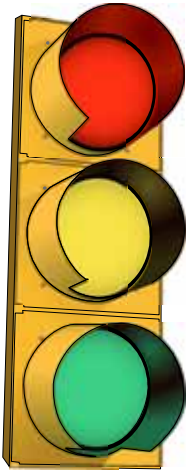
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Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) X12N 837 Institutional Health Care Claim Implementation Guide (IG) Additional Updates

Provider Types Affected

All Medicare providers who bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

On January 3, 2005, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will implement additional edits for institutional claims submitted via direct data entry (DDE).

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Please stay current with HIPAA edit instructions related to X12N 837 institutional claims as failure to comply may result in payment delays.

GO – What You Need to Do

Ensure that your billing practices comply with changes noted below to facilitate accurate and timely claims processing. Specific changes include requirements for a line item date of service for each revenue code on DDE outpatient claims (as defined in CR3031) and that such claims may not contain covered days. Also, all DDE claims will be edited to ensure they do not contain a UPIN of NPP000.

Background

HIPAA institutional claim editing business requirements presented in CR 3031, CR3264, and CR3337 are supplemented by additional claim edits contained in Change Request 3321.

Medicare claims processing systems used by FIs will be required to:

- Edit outpatient claims submitted via DDE o ensure that a line item date of service is included for each revenue code;

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- Edit outpatient claims submitted via DDE to ensure that each does not contain covered days;
- Edit claims submitted via DDE to ensure each does not contain an invalid condition code;
- Edit X12N 837 claims to ensure each does not contain an invalid condition code; and
- Edit all claims submitted via DDE to ensure that each does not contain an NPP000 UPIN.

All claims above submitted via DDE that do not meet the requirements noted will be subject to an appropriate online error message.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to the intermediary regarding this change can be found online, referenced via CR 3321, at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

On the above online page, scroll down while referring to the CR NUM column on the right to find the link for CR3321. Click on the link to open and view the file for the CR.

If you have questions regarding this issue, you may also contact your intermediary on their toll free number, which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>

For additional information on HIPAA, please refer to:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/links/default.asp>

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